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Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)
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Period for Reply

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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 02 November 2007.

2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1,4,6-9,15-17,23-25,30-38 and 42-49 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) 6,9,15-17,23-25,30-35,37,38,43-45 and 47-49 is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 1,4,7,8,36,42 and 46 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some * c) None of:

1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____

4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____

5) Notice of Informal Patent Application

6) Other: _____

The request for continued examination received 02 November 2007 has been made of record.

The rejections under 35 USC 103 contained in the previous office action are withdrawn in view of applicants' arguments and amendments.

Claims 1, 4, 6-9, 15-17, 23-25, 30-38 and 42-49 are pending.

Claims 1, 4, 7, 8, 36, 42 and 46 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Cruise.

This rejection is maintained against the above indicated claims for reasons as set forth in the previous office action.

Applicants' arguments appear to focus only on the "above 100 phr" limitation of claim 36.

As stated previously, the "about 100" phr language of the reference is seen as encompassing amounts at least slightly above 100 phr.

Claims 6, 9, 15-17, 23-25, 30-35, 37, 38, 43-45 and 47-49 are allowed.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Edward J. Cain whose telephone number is (571) 272-1118. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 10:00-6:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Wu can be reached on (571) 272-1114. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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